



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

March 18, 1998

### **H.R. 2786**

### **Theater Missile Defense Improvement Act of 1998**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on National Security on March 17, 1998*

H.R. 2786 would authorize appropriations for 1998 totaling \$147 million for programs in the Department of Defense (DoD) to counter enhanced ballistic missile threats from potential adversaries. The bill would also reduce by \$147 million amounts authorized in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998 (Public Law 105-85) for research, development, test, and evaluation.

Total authorizations for fiscal year 1998 would not change under the bill. The proposed reductions in authorizations would probably not result in savings in appropriations, however, because the reductions are in programs that were not fully funded in the 1998 appropriations bill. If the new authorizations are funded without reducing other appropriations, CBO estimates that outlays would increase by \$16 million in 1998 and \$147 million over the 1998-2003 period. The estimate assumes appropriation of the authorized amounts by July 1, 1998. Because the legislation would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

Section 4 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 excludes from the application of that act any legislative provisions that are necessary for the national security. CBO has determined that all provisions of this bill fit within that exclusion.

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